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SUBJ: ME DEBATE IN SC : EGYPTIAN REACTION TO SCALI SC
STATEMENT

1. MOHAMED KASSEM, COUNSELOR AND SENIOR EGYPTIAN TO APPEAR AT ME- ORIENTED USUN RECEPTION JUNE 18, DREW POLCOUNS ASIDE FOR DISCUSSION OF SC DEBATE. KASSEM, NORMALLY LOW KEY, SPOKE WITH CONSIDERABLE PASSION OF EGYPTIAN DISMAY AT ASSERTION IN AMB SCALI' S SPEECH THAT RES 242 " NEITHER ENDORSES NOR PRECLUDES" RETURN TO PRE- 1967 BOUNDARIES. HE REFERRED LOOSELY TO US PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STATEMENTS SINCE 1967, INCLUDING A SISCO CONVERSATION WITH NASSER, IN WHICH US " ENDORSED" PRE-1967 BOUNDARIES. EGYPTIANS HAD BEEN SHOCKED BY WHAT SEEMED TO THEM MAJOR STEP BACKWARD.

2. POLCOUNS NOTED THAT THIS ITEM IN SCALI' S SPEECH WAS LIMITED TO OBSERVATION ON WHAT 242 DID AND DID NOT SAY. KASSEM SAID IT LOOKED TO HIM LIKE NEW US POSITION. IF US POSITION ON BOUNDARIES WAS OTHERWISE, " THEN FOR GOD' S SAKE, TELL US WHAT IT IS."

3. KASSEM WENT ON TO MAKE STRONG GENERAL PLEA FOR US TO TELL EGYPTIANS PRIVATELY " WHERE YOU STAND." POLCOUNS SAID THERE WOULD DOUBTLESS BE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSULTATION AND CONFIDENTIAL

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URGED CAREFUL READING OF SCALI' S SPEECH AND OTHER RECENT US PRONOUNCEMENTS. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WAS SURPRISED EGYPTIANS HAD NOT SEEN POSITIVE ELEMENTS IN SCALI' S SPEECH. KASSEM SAID " IF YOU MEAN ' FIRMLY LINKED' I MUST ASK WHETHER

THESE WORDS MEANT EXACTLY WHAT THEY SAY." EGYPTIANS HAD
BEEN TOLD (HE DID NOT SPECIFY DIRECT US SOURCE) THAT THESE WORDS
" NOT TO BE TAKEN LITERALLY." POLCOUNS ASSURED HIM ENTIRE SPEECH
CAREFULLY WORDED AND MEANT JUST WHAT IT SAID.

4. EGYPTIAN SECOND SECRETARY MOKBEL HAS TANENK SIMILAR LINE WITH
MISOFF.
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